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SMASH FASCISM!

Let the Sun Slime In



OVER the period of two consecutive days, June 1 & 2, local garbage rag *The Sun* printed 3 articles about the upcoming Anarchist Survival Gathering. The articles featured major dis-information and lies, reportedly quoted from "organizers" but in reality quoted from police agencies. The first article reports that 15,000 anarchists will be converging on Toronto, including ("organizers say") "white supremacists and neo-Nazis"[perhaps the Sun editors were planning to attend?—ed]. The second article reports that city politicians are "worried" and want the Gathering stopped because of their misguided fear of violence to citizens. The Sun contacted local aldermen and a total of four (Shea, O'Donohue, Karwin-Kuczynski, and Boytchuk) have now jumped on the anarchist-bashing bandwagon; meanwhile Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton says "an inquiry is underway to determine how the anarchists got the use of the city community centre" (Toronto Star 6/6/88). The 519 Church St. Community Centre, part of the progressive community in Toronto for years, will be the sight of many workshops for the gathering. The 519 is funded by the city through, OMYGOD!! taxpayers' money! Metro Police are also reported to be setting up a "special unit to probe" the Gather-

ing, and have already held closed-door briefings with the politicians. On a humorous note, city politicians and police are all in a huff because the Anarchist Circle hasn't applied for a permit for High Park — however the plans to use high park for the Sunday event were scrapped over a month ago — a damn good reason not to apply for permission to use it, in anyone's eyes!

In conversation with "journalist" Tom Godfrey of *The Sun*, he revealed that his main source of information has been the police. That in itself is not

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Our City, Our Walls



Although the graffiti cleanup is well underway in preparation for the seven dwarfs' summit, it is meeting with a whole new slew of new graffiti springing up in resistance to sterility. The city's walls have been adorned with such slogans as "Summit ... Submit," "Our City, Our Walls," "Save Street Art" "Capitalism is Cannibalism—Fuck the G-7," "Nothing is better for free than graffiti," "A city needs character—not summits" and "Clean up the city—cancel the summit." More seem to be

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More Police, Less Butter !

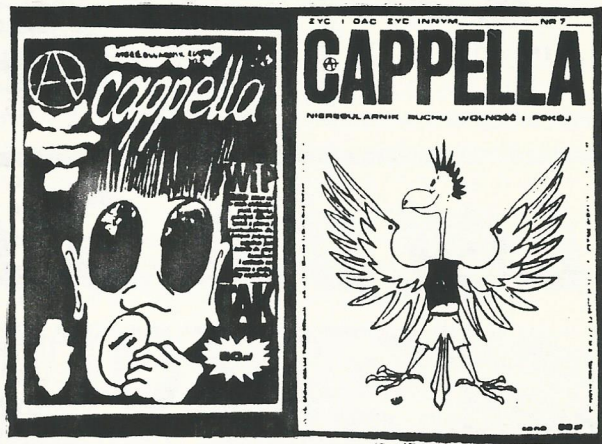
WHEN Polish workers struck last month, some of their widest support came from Polish students. 4,000 to 5,000 students took over Warsaw University, while Lublin students marched with banners mocking government economic policies, such as "More police, less butter!" and "Tightening your belt does wonders for your figure." Police officers in Warsaw were pelted with coins and called "Judases" when people rallied in support of striking steelworkers in Cracow (*New York Times*).

Young people are also on the move in two main groups operating along anarchist lines. Freedom and Peace is a national organization combining many anarchists and agitating around antiwar and ecological issues. The Movement for an Alternative Society

(RSA) is a more explicitly anarchist youth movement which pelted cops with stones on Mayday '85, and espouses clear anti-statist and non-hierarchical ideas. Both are an inspiration in that they show that the final battle is global and that we can attack the East Bloc without aligning ourselves with the

West (and vice-versa.) Leftists here who fail to support such autonomous struggles have a lesson to learn from this.

More information on autonomous



Freedom and Peace's newspaper "A Cappella"

East Bloc resistance can always be found in "On Gogol Boulevard," available from 151 First Ave. #62, New York NY 10003 USA for \$1 U.S. plus postage.

The Battle of Euskalduna

Euskalduna is a steelworks in Bilbao where a militant struggle against redundancies has gone on for 4 years. In '84 there was a violent struggle, in which one worker was killed by police firing live rounds, then

the workers brought the city to a halt by taking over the key bridge of Deusto, which is near to the factory. They drove back the riot police from the occupied factory for weeks on end. The workers assemblies beat the po-



Knock down all 3 and win a prize! (Spanish worker sets his sights on cops)

lice using slingshots, barricades, cranes, molotovs and even giant fans to blow back tear gas. The workers eventually won, but in Dec. 87 the issue rose again, with the steel works closing and the bosses and government preparing for a final decision by May 20th on redundancy. The demos began again, the main tactic still being the blocking of the bridge of Deusto. Starting with demos every Tuesday and Thursday morning, they would set tires alight to stop cars and keep police at bay with accurate slingshot fire. All the workers wear masks at demos and very few have been arrested. Publicity is being kept to a minimum by the mainstream media.

After an Easter truce the struggle heated up and the morning demos

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Guatemalans Under Fire

OVER 140,000 of Guatemala's 8 million people have been murdered by the rightwing government since the CIA-directed coup of 1954; 334 such murders took place during the first three months of 1988. No high-ranking members of the Army or the security forces have ever been brought to trial, and the USA and its allies continue to send substantial aid. For 28 years a left-wing guerrilla movement has resisted; currently 3,500 members of the united guerrilla federation URNG (United National Resistance) are holding their own against 50,000 Guatemalan soldiers. In 9 of Guatemala's 22 departments or states, the URNG are conducting armed operations and receiving significant support from the above-ground grassroots communities. The URNG calls for basic land reform, political democratization, a non-aligned foreign policy, demilitarization of the Indian Highlands, an end to political repression and terror, and the punishment of the murderers. Fighting has intensified since last October.

Jorge Soto, a radical student leader who joined the guerrillas at 16 and now commands the Rebel Armed Forces (FAR) operating in the northern department of Peten, was interviewed in the Guatemala City magazine *La Cronica* under his nom de guerre of Pablo Monsanto. He suggests that, although President Vinicio Cerezo has gone through the motions of establishing the Commission of National Reconciliation to comply with the Presidential Accords of Esquipulas II, he has no real interest in solving Guatemala's internal problems. The guerrillas are trying to reach agreement with the government of Guatemala to allow the Commission of National Reconciliation to arrange an end to the fighting. The main problem is that Cerezo has refused to renew dialogue with the insurgent forces, which the URNG perceives as necessary.

Soto states that "when the Army and the government place certain preconditions on a dialogue, they know very well that we are not going to accept these preconditions.. They are only trying to make it look like the URNG doesn't want dialogue. But this maneuver will backfire, for in the future the government will be pressured by important sectors of public opinion to renew the dialogue in order to maintain themselves in power." In the meantime, he predicts intensification of the conflict.

Since the interview, Cerezo agreed to renew dialogue between the Commission and the guerrillas—the rightwing

elements inside the military command responded by staging a coup which failed but no charges have been brought against them. Cerezo and the military are expected to use this coup attempt and well-publicized threats by the right-wing business community as an excuse to scuttle any significant new peace demonstrations and clamp down harder on the reemerging mass movement.

—submitted by Jon Reed, Guatemala City, May 1988.

Life Sentence for Prostitution?

Metro mayor Art Eggleton has called for an amendment to the criminal code which would allow police to fingerprint and photograph persons arrested for prostitution. He also wants mandatory prison terms for a third conviction. In some parts of the US, a third conviction constitutes "recidivism" and can mean a life sentence. Is Canada far behind?

Alderman Korwin-Kuczynski favours ghettoization of sex trade workers as a more "humanitarian" measure. Historically, ghettos are a great place for pogroms to happen away from the delicate sensibilities of righteous citizens.



Nothing is better for free than graffiti

Our City, Our Walls (cont.)

appearing faster than they're painted over; so far the city is losing the war.

In a similar vein, Finnish authorities are offering 500 marks in cash to those who help catch graffiti artists (*Ecomedia Arhus*). So far no such reward has been offered here in Toronto, but who knows how far these whitewash nuts are willing to go to feed their craving for sterility?

Let the Sun...

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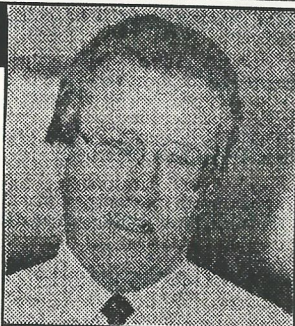
surprising (The Sun might as well be "Toronto Police News"), but what is interesting is that he revealed that it was mainly U.S. police intelligence (sic) sources who are spreading the lies.

This says two things: Canadian police still rely heavily on US intelligence for information about Canadians, and; U.S. authorities want to create a situation which would pressure the Canadian police, not to be 'outdone' by the Yankees, into responding to this 'threat'.

There is a purpose to a disinformation campaign. By creating an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty, using ridiculous estimates of numbers (15,000), lumping fascists (white supremacists and neo-Nazis) in with anarchists (who are by definition and history anti-fascist), and relying on erroneous, simpleton dictionary definitions of anarchy (violence, chaos, etc.), The Sun is setting the stage for a confrontation between police and anarchists. By creating this fantasy in people's minds, a hyped-up police will find easy justification and sympathy to attack the Gathering. Minneapolis cop Dan Dreis said of last year's Gathering (held there last June), "We used some tear gas on them and thumped a couple." (Star 6/6/88). The police would love to attack the anarchist community, and The Sun would reap the benefits with a violent, police-oriented sensational story. Headlines have been screaming "Cops braced for gathering..." and "Taxes subsidizing bash 'n' trash."

Gathering organizers have decided not to give interviews to the mainstream media, and by this hope to limit what is beginning to turn into a media spectacle. They released a press statement on June 6 which, very straightforwardly, says what is really going on, how many people are really expected (5 to 600), and what we view anarchism and survival as being. The media can take it or leave it. Ecomedia Toronto has been publicizing the Gathering's events for some time now, and anyone can read about it here or hear about it on our show on CKLN. The facts are easy enough to come by.

It's unbelievable that people actually use The Sun as an accurate source of information. A rag full of reactionary, homophobic, racist, sexist, right-wing scum is a living joke in our city. Unfortunately it's just not very funny.



A probe has been launched to find Art Eggleton's Brain

Euskalduna (cont. from 2)

and Assemblies became daily. Due to the assemblies it is impossible for any of the leftist groups and parties to hi-jack their struggle. Other inventions by the workers have been their own type of rocket launchers, and anti rubber bullet shields. Both sides also use loudspeaker systems to attack each other and appeal to onlookers. This time 'round there have been many injuries, two people have been partially blinded by police rubber bullets. In early May 88 the struggle became more fierce, with other factories in the area striking in sympathy, culminating in a one day general strike in the area. Workers began burning a whole series of state owned buses and railway carriages, causing millions in damage.

On 18th May the authorities apparently decided to give in again, and TV pictures showed workers going back to the re-opened factory. Any news we get we'll pass on.

(Ecomedia Barcelona)

Soviet Nuclear Debris

The Soviet press agency Tass says radio contact has been lost with Cosmos 1900, a satellite "with a nuclear power plant on board." Over the years, the Soviet military has put 33 nuclear-powered satellites into space, and two have re-entered the atmosphere and rained radioactive debris on the Earth. This one will likely do the same in August or September, lending weight to calls from scientists in both power blocs for a ban on nuclear reactors in orbit about the Earth (as Reagan's Star Wars plans would require to power sensors and beam weapons.) -NY Times 14-5-88.

Corporate Control

Statistics Canada reports that five Canadian families—Bronfman, Desmarais, Irving, Weston and Reichmann—control or possess a significant minority interest in nearly 500 Canadian companies. They have considerably extended their influence in the last four years, though StatsCan isn't allowed to tell us by how much. 26% of Canada's 71,000 corporations are foreign-controlled, and of the leading 25 firms (defined by sales or operating revenue) only 7 have wide distribution of stock (of these, three are majority American owned.) Mergers, buyouts and takeovers continue, and often destroy jobs (for instance, Campeau has fired over 1,700 people since his Federated Department Stores takeover in the USA.) —Toronto Globe and Mail 4-6-88 pD6.